

Regular meeting of the City Council .Austin,Texas,July 14th 1909.

Hon A P Wooldridge,Mayor presiding: Roll called :

Present Mayor Wooldridge,Councilmen Gracy,Hart & Powell 4

Absent,excused,Councilman Bartholomew 1

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

Petitions,Memorials,etc:

By Councilman Hart additional petitions from Citizens asking that a liberal appropriation be made for the City Hospital,which were received and filed for future consideration.

A committee of Merchants from East 5th street appeared before the Council and asked that the Council repair Red River street from 5th to 15th to 16th street.The Council took the matter under consideration, stating to the Committee that the request should have due consideration.

Reports of standing Committees:

Councilman Hart to whom was referred the communication of the Chief of the Fire Dept,in regard to repairs to Austin Hook & Ladder Cos truck , the wheels of Colorado Hose wagon and the roof of West Austin Hall, presented the following report:

To the Hon Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen :

After an investigation of the matters referred to in the attached letter or recommendation of A T Corwin,Chief of the Fire Dept , I find:

(1)That the tires on all the wheels on the apparatus of Colorado Hose Co No 2,are in a worn and bad condition and if not replaced by new tires at an early day are liable to cause a serious accident and for the preservation of the apparatus this matter should be attended to at once.The wagon should be overhauled and placed in first class condition

(2) The wheels on Hook & Ladder No 1,have been in service for about fifteen years,and are much worn and in some places the spokes and fellows broken or cracked,and after a run to a fire become very loose and unsafe.New wheels for the apparatus are badly needed,and in my opinion .,for the protection and safety of human life and the preservation of the apparatus,should have new wheels as early as practicable.,

($\frac{1}{2}$) As to the repairing of the roof on West Austin Hose Co's building I am trying to get the contractor to repair it under his guarantee (if it can be found) ,without expense to the City.

However,this repairing is absolutely necessary to protect the City property,and I ask that this portion of the recommendation be referred to Councilman Bartholomew for early action .

Therefore,I recommend that I be authorized to have new tires put on the wheels of Colorado Hose Co wagon at once

(2) That new wheels for the apparatus of Hook & Ladder Co No 1,be contracted for ,(to be duplicates of the ones now on said wagon)and that for the wheels,bids be received to be opened not later than August 15th.In the mean time the old wheels be strengthened as much as possible by soaking and etc,so that the wagon can be used till new wheels are

*Pet Citizens for appro
for Hospital*

Repair Red River St

*Report of Councilman
Hart on condition fire
apparatus*

. obtained .

Respectfully submitted,

Jas P Hart

Supt Police and Public Safety.

The report and resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy Hart & Powell 4

Nays none.

Councilmen Powell & Gracy to whom was referred the petition of Chas Stephenson asking the Council donate him a strip of land in the Christian and Fellman addition to the City presented the following report:

Austin, Texas, July 15th 1909.

To the Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin:

Gentlemen :

Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of Mr Chas Stephenson asking that the City of Austin convey to him a strip of land 13 feet in Width .off of the south end of Lots 8 & 9 Block 52 and Lots 10 & 11 in Block 51 in Christian & Fellmans addition to the City of Austin, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined into the merits of the petition, and recommend that same be NOT granted.

Respectfully submitted .

D B Gracy

P W Powell.

The report was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy, Hart & Powell 4

Nays none.

Councilman Hart presented the following report from the City Physician which was read and referred to Councilman Hart:

Austin, Texas, July 15th 1909.

Hon Jas P Hart,

Austin ,Texas.

Dear Sir :

I would most respectfully make the following report of the expenses incurred during the Month of June in supplying the City Hospital with drugs, also the cost of prescriptions for the month of June ,1909.

The expense of the City Hospital for drug supplies during the month of March 1909 ,the month before I took charge was

110.15

The City prescriptions for the same month cost

79.59

The Hospital drug supply for the month of June ,1909, cost

16.75

The City prescriptions for June ,1909, cost

13.85

This will show a saving for the City for the month of June as compared with the month of March ,1909 Of about

159.00

Besides this the whiskey bill for the month of March was about \$ 12.00; the bill for the months of May & June for whiskey and alcohol was about \$ 3.00.

There are now twenty three patients in the Hospital. Next month, I will make a report of the various improvements made at the Hospital building when they will be completed.

I made 200 City visits during the month of June .

Yours very truly ,W J Matthews, City Physician.

Report. Powell & Gracy
in petition of
Chas Stephenson

Report City
Physician June 1909

*Appra for Storm
Sewer 3rd & 4th wards*

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 6800.00 for the purpose of paying for Storm Sewer in 3rd & 4th wards of the City. The ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy, Hart & Powell 4

Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 500.00 for the purpose of paying weekly pay rolls of the street Dept. The ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy, Hart & Powell 4

Nays none.

Councilman Gracy offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin: That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to transfer from the Water & Light Earnings fund to the General fund the sum of \$ 250.00, this being amount of Warrent No 43584 drawn on the General fund, June 12th 1909, in favor of R L Penn, for legal services rendered the City in the case of " Abadie vs the City " in the Dist Court of Travis County, which amount should have been charged to the Earnings fund of the Water & Light Plant .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy, Hart & Powell 4

Nays none.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin; that a cordial invitation is extended to the Texas Division of the Travelers Protective Association of America, to hold its annual convention for the year 1910 in the City of Austin Texas.

The Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy, Hart & Powell 4

Nays none.

The Mayor read to the Council a letter from The Gabriel Concrete Reinforcement Co in regard to a claim they had against R V Dixon for Steel furnished him on his contract to build the addition to the Pump Station, amounting to \$ 2320.00, which the Mayor stated he would reply to.

On motion the Council recessed subject to call of the Mayor.

July 20th 1909.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor.

Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy, Hart & Powell 4

Absent, excused Councilman Bartholomew 1

By Councilman Hart an ordinance amending Article 7, Chapter 2, Title 2 of the revised ordinances of the City (known as the Pound ordinance) The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy, Hart & Powell 4

Nays none.

Extra labor

*City Treasurer to
transfer funds.*

*Invitation Travelers
Protective Assn to
hold Annual meeting
in Austin 1910*

*Gabriel Concrete
Reinforcement Co
bill R V Dixon*

*Ordinance To amend
found by Councilman*

Councilman Gracy for the Committee to whom was referred the petition of C O Smith asking the Council to re-imburse him for water pipe laid in Glenwood Addition, presented the following report, viz:

Austin, Texas, July 20th 1909.

We, the undersigned, committee appointed to consider and report upon the application of C O Smith for allowance for pipe and fittings, placed by said C O Smith in the north one-third of the Glenwood addition in the City of Austin, Texas, beg leave to report as follows:

(1) We have had the quantity, which is 990 feet of 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ " pipe, and value of the pipe and fixtures placed in the north one-third of the Glenwood addition examined into by our pipe inspector, Pat Cain. He reports said pipe to be in good order and condition and serviceable to the City for the uses to which it is put.

At present there are four consumers on the said 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ " main in said addition, each paying the City a minimum of \$ 1.50 per month. This pipe could carry as many as thirty or forty customers.

Inspector Cain advises that it would cost the City to place the pipe, in the present position \$233.93.

(2) We beg to further report that we can settle this claim against the City for 50cts on the dollar of the allowance by Pat Cain, or for \$ 116.96.

(3) In view of the fact that the pipe referred to is in use by the City, and is supplying bonifida customers and may supply additional customers from time to time as it is put in use, and inasmuch as the price at which it can be purchased is reasonable, we respectfully advise that the City purchase said pipe from the proprietor, Mr C O Smith, at price above named, to-wit: \$ 116.96 to be paid for out of the Earnings fund of the Water & Light Plant.

Respectfully,

D B Gracy

A P Wooldridge, Acting Supt Dept
Parks & Public Property.

On motion of Councilman Gracy the report was adopted and the Claim allowed for \$ 116.96, as recommended by the Committee, by the following vote

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy, Hart & Powell 4

Nays none.

On motion Councilman Hart Supt. Police & Public Safety, was authorized to expend as much as \$ 150.00 on necessary articles at the City Hospital, by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy Hart & Powell.

Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from C A Pearson asking permission to erect a Shed on Lot 12 Block 56 of the City, within the fire limits. The petition was approved by the Fire Commissioners and by Councilman Hart. The petition was granted by the Following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart 3

Absent Councilmen Bartholomew & Powell 2

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from S A Lawson asking permission to erect a shed on Lot Block 5, within the fire limits. The petition was approved by the Fire Commissioners. Read the first time and laid over.

On motion the Council adjourned.

J. S. Johnson

City Clerk.

*Report of Committee
on petition of
C O Smith for
pay for water pipe*

*Councilman Hart
Authorized to expend
\$150.00 at City Hospital*

*Petition
C A Pearson to
erect shed in
fire limits*

*Petition of S A Lawson
to erect shed in
fire limits*